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RE: MUR 5031 (Democratic Party of Illinois)

Dear Mr. Kasper:

On September 17, 2002, you were notified that the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that the Democratic Party of Illinois ("the Party") and you, as treasurer, violated a provision of the Act in this matter. On November 22, 2002, you submitted a response to the Commission's reason to believe findings. After conducting an investigation, the Commission determined on January 12, 2004 to take no further action against the Party. The Commission also found no reason to believe that Michael Madigan, as chairman of the Party, violated any provision of the Act in this matter. Accordingly, the Commission closed the file as it pertains to the Party and its officers.

The Commission reminds you that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) remain in effect, and that this matter is still open with respect to other respondents. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed, at which time you will be sent a copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Reports.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1572.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brant Levine".

Brant Levine
Attorney